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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**MAN INDICTED FOR CREDIT CARD FRAUD AND IDENTITY  
THEFT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that HAITHAM S. AL-ZAREINI, 31, of Mishawaka, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for the crimes of Fraud in Connection with Access Devices, two counts, and Fraud in Connection with Identification Documents and Information, two counts, on July 9, 2003, following an investigation by the United States Secret Service, and the Evansville Police Department.

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The indictment alleges that AL-ZAREINI used credit card processing machines provided by Integra Bank, Fifth Third Bank and Old National Bank and credit cards issued to other persons to cause deposits to be made into accounts he controlled with the three banks. The indictment also charges that AL-ZAREINI used the identity of two other persons in order to aid and abet fraudulent credit cards transactions.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, AL-ZAREINI faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 15 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Evansville.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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